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6. [] Received a call from Ev Bierman, Minority Staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He said the Committee is considering employing [] who worked for the Agency from 1962 to 1973. He said they have been quite impressed with [] in their interviews but would like a reading from us as to the circumstances surrounding his separation from the Agency and general comment on his work performance while here. Later in the day, I called Bierman back and told him that [] had a good record with the Agency before and was in fact being considered for reemployment at this time. Bierman agreed that alone reflected the Agency's assessment of []

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7. [] Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said that a CBS reporter has indicated that Directors Schlesinger and Colby separately briefed Chairman Stennis about three assassination cases sometime between May and August of 1973. Braswell said he had no knowledge of any such occurrences and asked me if I would look into it. A short time later, after conferring with the Director and Carl Duckett, I advised Braswell that Senator Symington had spoken with the Director personally about this matter today. Braswell said since he learned of this inquiry through Senator Symington and the Director has talked with him, he needed nothing further on it at this time.

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8. [] Jim Gehrig, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staff, called and said he would like for us to set up a briefing on the Soviet space programs for several new members of the Committee: Senators Wendell H. Ford, Dale Bumpers, Paul Laxalt and Jake Garn. I indicated that this was a departure from the arrangements that have existed since the days of Senator Kerr's chairmanship when only the Chairman and Ranking Minority member were briefed and I wanted to be sure that this was the Chairman's wish. Gehrig was a little vague on this and I plan to check it out with Bob Allnutt, Staff Director.

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9. [] Dan Childs, IC Staff, called to say he had been in touch with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding some line item budgetary data that Slatinshek wanted. Childs has had some difficulty in getting this from DOD but now has it. I said if he would get it to us this afternoon, we would have someone deliver it to Slatinshek.

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13. [] Called John Swearingen, Senate Rules and Administration Committee staff, and told him that a check of our records did not indicate that he held a current security clearance and I suggested he go either directly to DOD or the FBI to update his clearances in connection with his taking custody of the Watergate material in the vault of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Swearingen asked if we could give him a contact point in DOD and FBI. I said I was sure we could do this and that I would check. [] will follow up.

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Swearingen called later and advised that he had learned that he had a [] clearance as recently as 1973. I told him we would check further but I still think it would be wise for him to make sure his security clearance is updated. [] will follow up on this also.

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14. [] Called Jim Oliver and George Gilbert, OMB, and reviewed with them the handling of the requirement for the Director's views on H. Res. 205. Both agreed that in view of the high level handling that OMB clearance would not be needed but they would appreciate a copy of the Director's reply.

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With respect to H. Res. 72 (Holtzman amendment) on the domestic activities report to the President, I explained that although the House Armed Services Committee had reported adversely and the resolution was directed to the President, the Committee staff still wanted to have the Director's views for their record. It was agreed that we would coordinate those views with OMB. [] is handling.

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15. [] [], NIO/SEA, called and said the classified version of the paper on North Vietnamese aid would be printed Saturday and we discussed the possible handling. It was suggested to [] that if it is approved to release the classified version to our Hill clients that it be included in Monday's NID package which cover all four of our oversight committees and the two foreign affairs committees, and we in this office would then contact the principal staff officers in these Committees to advise who in the Committee had evidenced interest in this subject. [] will tie in with [] on this.

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Checked with [REDACTED], OP, regarding the request of Harold Gould, Deputy Staff Director, House Science and Technology Committee. She said she had been in touch with Mr. Gould and had given him the needed information.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Russ Rourke, White House staff, called to say he was LDXing to us today a copy of Phil Areeda's second letter to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on H. Res. 206 and 207.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Received a call from Andrew Hamilton, Counsel for National Defense and International Affairs, Senate Committee on the Budget, who is interested in establishing liaison with the Agency. See Memo for Record.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] About 1730 hours, Frank Sullivan, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say Senator Sam Nunn was going to appear on CBS-TV tomorrow morning and he would like an unclassified update on the situation in Cambodia and Vietnam. I made arrangements for [REDACTED], NIO/SEA, to talk directly to Sullivan.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Talked with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and in response to an inquiry he has received from Senator Milton Young brought him uptodate on a sensitive project.

25X1A I also advised McConnell that there was interest in the application of [REDACTED] whom he referred to us but it would be several weeks before we had a definite reading on our interest. McConnell appreciated this information but said this should be treated as a routine referral.

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[redacted] Based on information provided by [redacted] and in response to her earlier inquiry, called Mae Sykes, Congressional Relations, State Department, and told her that we had no interest in [redacted] during his assignment in Yugoslavia in 1958 but that he had worked for [redacted] as late as 1967 as an independent contractor/translator while he lived in Arlington, Virginia. Sykes said she thought she had satisfactorily closed out Representative Robert H. Mollohan's (D., W. Va.) inquiry concerning this case.

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8. [redacted] Mr. Cary advised from the Hill that this morning the House Foreign Affairs Committee had adversely reported, by a two to one margin, Harrington resolutions of inquiry 206 and 207. The above information was relayed to the Director's office.

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9. [redacted] Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, advising him of the House Foreign Affairs Committee action on the Harrington resolutions of inquiry and outlined our proposed response to Chairman Melvin Price on H. Res. 205 explaining the need for consistency with the Administration's response on the related resolutions. Slatinshek said that the House Armed Services Committee had reported adversely on the Holtzman resolution, H. Res. 72, directing the President "to provide, not later than ten days after the adoption of this resolution, to the House of Representatives the full and complete information contained in the report of William E. Colby delivered to the President on or about December 26, 1974." This information was relayed to the Director's office.

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25X1 10. [redacted] Tom Lattimer, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, called with respect to our proposed response on H. Res. 205 which was sent to him earlier in the day. He indicated that it looked good to them.

25X1 11. [redacted] Called J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Internal Security, Senate Judiciary Committee, in response to his earlier inquiry and told him we had no unique information on [redacted] and suggested he might want to contact the FBI.

25X1 12. [redacted] Called Bob O'Regan, Staff Assistant, in the office of Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.), in response to his earlier inquiry and told him that [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Also based on the advice of [redacted] Office of Logistics, I told O'Regan that on the basis of the description he had provided we could not determine whether the area described was the property we formerly possessed. I offered to pull records out of our Archives if he is not able to obtain satisfactory answers to his questions from GSA, Navy and Customs.

25X1 13. [redacted] Called Les Janka, NSC staff, to advise him of the status of play on H. Res. 205 and although I had sent him on 25 February a copy of the Director's proposed reply to Chairman Melvin Price, House Armed Services Committee, he had lost sight of the fact that Agency views had been solicited on this resolution. I told Janka that I would send him a proposed revised reply based upon Counsel to the President Areeda's, revised letter to Chairman Thomas Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee. Janka promised to get the draft cleared for us before the end of the day.

Janka called later in the afternoon to say he had not received a copy of our revised proposed reply on the resolution as promised above. After checking, it was determined that the White House Situation room had received the material at 12:17 p.m. Janka was somewhat embarrassed and said he had checked into the Situation Room and somewhat jokingly said we share the blame since the communicators are Agency people.

Subsequently, Janka called and said he had reviewed the proposed reply with General Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, who ok'd it and that Richard Erickland, DOD, had as well.

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cc: O/DDCI, Ex. Sec.

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